

EDUCATION (B.A.)

Degree: Bachelor of Arts

Major: Education

Total Hours: 120

The Bachelor of Arts in Education is a fully online non-certification degree program designed for students interested in educational theory, practice, and foundations without pursuing teaching certification, offering flexibility for working students while maintaining academic rigor through coursework in educational theory, special education, instructional strategies, and educational technology. Given the critical teacher shortage across the state and nation, this program creates an important pathway for nontraditional students to begin their journey toward the education field, with its flexible online format allowing working adults to complete their bachelor's degree while maintaining employment, positioning them to later pursue alternative certification programs if desired. Additionally, this program will serve as a vital pipeline to graduate education programs, preparing students for advanced degrees in educational leadership, curriculum and instruction, counseling, and other specialized areas where there is growing demand for qualified professionals.

The program features a 100% online delivery format consisting of 120 credit hours with a core curriculum aligned with state requirements, specialized courses in educational theory, special education, literacy, and technology, and no student teaching or field experience requirements. While traditional education degrees with certification are common, this non-certification pathway fills a unique niche for students seeking education careers outside classroom teaching. The online delivery format further distinguishes it from similar programs in the region.

| Code | Title | Hours | |
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| General Education Core Curriculum | | | |
| Communication | | | |
| ENGL 1301 | Composition I | 3 | |
| COMM 1315 | Public Speaking I | 3 | |
| Mathematics | | | |
| MATH 1314 | College Algebra | 3 | |
| Life and Physical Sciences | | | 6 |
| BIOL 1308 | General Biology (Non-Science Majors) | | 6 |
| BIOL 1315 | Plants and Human Society (Non-Majors) | | |
| BIOL 2306 | Environmental Science | | |
| CHEM 1306 | Chemistry for Allied Health Sciences | | |
| CHEM 1311 | General Chemistry I | | |
| CHEM 1312 | General Chemistry II | | |
| GEOL 1390 | Introductory Environmental & Physical Geology | | 6 |
| PHYS 1305 | Elementary Physics I Lecture | | |
| PHYS 1307 | Elementary Physics II Lecture | | |
| PHYS 1311 | Introduction to Astronomy Lecture | | |
| Language, Philosophy and Culture | | | |
| Select one of the following: | | | 3 |
| DSDE 1374 | Introduction to Deaf Studies | | 3 |
| ENGL 2300 | Ethics and Literature | | |
| ENGL 2322 | British Literature | | |
| ENGL 2326 | American Literature | | |

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| ENGL 2331 | World Literature | |
| ENGL 2376 | African-American Literature | |
| FREN 2312 | Intermediate French II | |
| PHIL 1370 | Philosophy of Knowledge | |
| PHIL 2306 | Ethics | |
| SPAN 2312 | Intermediate Spanish II | |
| Creative Arts | | |
| Select one of the following: | | 3 |
| ARTS 1301 | Art Appreciation | |
| ARTS 1303 | Art History I | |
| COMM 1375 | Film Appreciation | |
| COSC 1324 | The Art of Computer Game Development | |
| DANC 2303 | Dance Appreciation | |
| MUSI 1306 | Music Appreciation | |
| MUSI 1309 | Jazz History and Appreciation | |
| MUSI 1310 | History of Rock and Roll | |
| PHIL 1330 | Arts and Ideas | |
| THEA 1310 | Theatre Appreciation | |
| American History | | |
| HIST 1301 | U S History I 1763-1877 | 3 |
| HIST 1302 | U S History II Since 1877 | 3 |
| or HIST 2301 | Texas History | |
| Government/Political Science | | |
| POLS 2301 | Intro to American Government I | 3 |
| POLS 2302 | Intro/American Government II | 3 |
| Social and Behavioral Sciences | | |
| PSYC 2301 | General Psychology | |
| PSYC 2315 | Lifespan Development | |
| SOCI 1301 | Introduction to Sociology | |
| Component Area Option | | |
| ENGL 1302 | Composition II | 3 |
| Any core curriculum course above not already used | | 3 |
| Required Major Courses | | |
| PEDG 2310 | Intro to Teacher Education | 3 |
| READ 3393 | Emergent Literacy | 3 |
| PEDG 3300 | Human Devel & Learning | 3 |
| SPED 3301 | Special Education Law | 3 |
| PEDG 3330 | Understanding ELLs | 3 |
| PEDG 4355 | Inclusion in the Gen Ed Class | 3 |
| PEDG 3332 | | |
| SPED 3302 | High Incidence Exceptionality | 3 |
| PEDG 4370 | Assessment | 3 |
| PEDG 4340 | Manag Early Chldh Clssrm Envir | 3 |
| or PEDG 4380 | Secondary Meth/Clssrm Mgmt | |
| PEDG Elective | | 6 |
| Any two upper-level PEDG courses not already used | | |
| Electives/Transfer Credits | | 36 |
| Upper-Level Electives | | 6 |
| Total Hours | | 117 |

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| First Year | | | PEDG 2342 | Diversity of Learners | 3 |
| Fall | | | Hours | | 12 |
| ENGL 1301 | Composition I | 3 | Total Hours | | |
| HIST 1301 | U S History I 1763-1877 | 3 | | | |
| MATH 1314 | College Algebra | 3 | | | |
| Creative Arts | | 3 | | | |
| Life and Physical Science | | 3 | | | |
| Hours | | 15 | | | |
| Spring | | | | | |
| ENGL 1302 | Composition II | 3 | | | |
| HIST 1302 | U S History II Since 1877 | 3 | | | |
| POLS 2301 | Intro to American Government I | 3 | | | |
| MATH 1350 | Math for Elem School Teachers | 3 | | | |
| Life and Physical Science | | 3 | | | |
| Hours | | 15 | | | |
| Second Year | | | | | |
| Fall | | | | | |
| PEDG 2310 | Intro to Teacher Education | 3 | | | |
| PSYC 2301 or SOCI 1301 | General Psychology or Introduction to Sociology | 3 | | | |
| POLS 2302 | Intro/American Government II | 3 | | | |
| MATH 2311 | Precalculus I | 3 | | | |
| Language, Philosophy & Culture | | 3 | | | |
| Hours | | 15 | | | |
| Spring | | | | | |
| PEDG 3300 | Human Devel & Learning | 3 | | | |
| HIST 2301 | Texas History | 3 | | | |
| MATH 2312 | Pre Calculus and Elementary Functions | 3 | | | |
| Communication | | 3 | | | |
| MATH 1351 | Math for Elementary Educators | 3 | | | |
| Hours | | 15 | | | |
| Summer | | | | | |
| MATH 1342 or PSYC 2317 | Elementary Statistical Methods or Introduction to Statistical Methods | 3 | | | |
| HIST 2321 | World History I | 3 | | | |
| Hours | | 6 | | | |
| Third Year | | | | | |
| Fall | | | | | |
| PEDG 3350 | Mathematics Methods for Teache | 3 | | | |
| MATH 3313 | Elementary Geometry | 3 | | | |
| READ 3393 | Emergent Literacy | 3 | | | |
| READ 3350 | Lang Art Methds Elem Mid Grade | 3 | | | |
| Electives MATH 3000-4000 | | 3 | | | |
| Hours | | 15 | | | |
| Spring | | | | | |
| PEDG 3352 | Science Methods for Teachers | 3 | | | |
| PEDG 4340 | Manag Early Chldh Clssrm Envir | 3 | | | |
| Electives MATH 3000-4000 | | 3 | | | |
| READ 3390 | Teaching Reading - Elem/Middle | 3 | | | |
| READ 4305 | Teaching Writing: Elementary & Middle School | 3 | | | |
| Hours | | 15 | | | |
| Fourth Year | | | | | |
| Fall | | | | | |
| PEDG 4320 | Residency | 3 | | | |
| PEDG 3332 | | 3 | | | |
| PEDG 3330 | Understanding ELLs | 3 | | | |
| PEDG 3351 | Social Studies Methods | 3 | | | |
| Hours | | 12 | | | |
| Spring | | | | | |
| PEDG 4320 | Residency | 3 | | | |
| PEDG 4370 | Assessment | 3 | | | |
| PEDG 4355 | Inclusion in the Gen Ed Class | 3 | | | |